



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**BE A HERO FOR BABIES DAY**  
JUNE 3, 2008

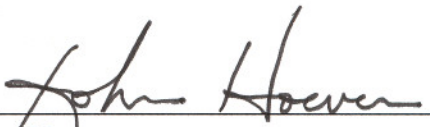
**WHEREAS**, every day, 1,300 babies, or 1 in 8, are born prematurely in the United States and premature birth is the leading cause of death among newborns; and

**WHEREAS**, the March of Dimes works to prevent premature birth and treat related health issues through research, education, advocacy and support; and

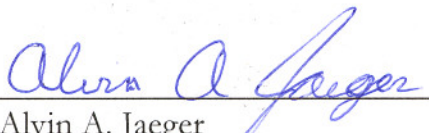
**WHEREAS**, Farmers Insurance Group is a national sponsor for the March of Dimes and hosts the annual *Be a Hero for Babies Day* event to raise awareness and money to help support the mission of healthy babies and healthy mothers; and

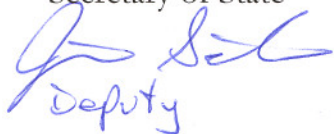
**WHEREAS**, Farmers Insurance and the March of Dimes will dedicate this day to raise money through the network of Farmers Insurance agencies and district offices across the state to help ensure that all babies are born healthy and strong.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 3, 2008, **BE A HERO FOR BABIES DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

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